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DIGEST OF OTHER RECENT VIRGINIA DECISIONS. Supreme Court of Appeals.

KINNEY et al. v. CRAIG et. al. November 23, 1904. [48 S. E. 864.]

FRAUDULENT CONVEYANCES—VACATION—EQUITY—BILL — AMENDMENT — NEW CAUSE OF ACTION—DISCRETION—REVIEW.

- 1. Where, in an action to recover a debt secured by a vendor's lien, the original bill set out facts sufficient to show that a voluntary conveyance from the vendee to a trustee for the benefit of his children, etc., was fraudulent in law, but a demurrer to the bill was sustained on the ground that it did not, in terms, charge that the conveyance was made for the purpose of hindering, delaying and defrauding complainants, an amendment containing such omitted allegation was not objectionable on the ground that it stated a new cause of action.
- 2. Code, sec. 2929 (2 Code 1904, p. 1551), providing that a voluntary conveyance of the property of a debtor cannot be avoided by his creditors solely on that ground unless suit for that purpose be brought within five years after the right has accrued, does not apply where the conveyance was attacked on the ground of actual fraud.
- 3. The granting of leave to amend a bill is within the discretion of the trial court, which will not be reversed on appeal unless it is shown that such discretion has been abused.
- 4. Where, in a suit to recover a debt secured by a vendor's lien, the record showed that plaintiffs were entitled to recover the debt of the defendant from any property he owned when the debt was contracted, and that by a deed of gift defendant had conveyed property liable to the debt in trust for his children, and both the trustee and beneficiaries in such deed were before the court, it was a proper exercise of the court's discretion to permit an amendment of the bill by the addition of a specific allegation that such conveyance had been made by defendant with the intent of defrauding complainants.

AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL COMPANY v. KENNEDY & CRAWFORD.

November 23, 1904.

CONTRACTS-MUTUALITY OF ENGAGEMENT.

1. A contract by which plaintiff agrees to sell fertilizer, and defendants agree to buy, having no other consideration than their mutual promises, and providing that plaintiff may cancel it at any time, is void for lack of mutuality of engagement, so that defendants may refuse to purchase, though plaintiff manufactures the fertilizer, and puts it in sacks marked for them, and makes tender thereof.